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CYPRUS, U.S. INSTALLATIONS, DEFENSE POLICY

REF: A) ANKARA 6079; B) ANKARA 6113; C) ANKARA 6114;
D) ANKARA 6115; E) ANKARA 6116

PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL ON AUGUST 7 ISSUED A STATEMENT
RESPONDING TO REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) CHAIRMAN
ECEVIT'S RECENT CRITICISMS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S "INDECISIVENESS"
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REGARDING ACTION AGAINST U.S. INSTALLATIONS AND ON OTHER FOREIGN

AND DEFENSE POLICY ISSUES (REFTELS). FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
OF DEMIRELS'S PRINCIPAL POINTS:

A) ECEVIT "FINDS POLITICAL ADVANTAGE IN GIVING THE
APPEARANCE OF NOT HAVING UNDERSTOOD" THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION.

B) "WHAT DOES HE WANT DONE IN THE SEARCH FOR A
POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM? ...WHAT ARE THE
STEPS THAT COULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN? THE GOVERNMENT IS
EXTREMELY CAREFUL ON THE SUBJECT OF CYPRUS. THE GOVERNMENT
WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY SOLUTION WHICH CANNOT BE ACCEPTED BY
OUR NATION."

C) "WE ARE DETERMINED TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF
TURKEY WITH DIGNITY, HONOR, AND TENACITY. THE HONORABLE
RPP CHAIRMAN IS VERY KEEN FOR TURKEY TO BE ALONE WHILE
HE IS COMPLAINING THAT TURKEY IS BECOMING ISOLATED. HE
CONTRADICTS HIMSELF. WHAT SHOULD WE DO SO THAT TURKEY
WILL NOT BE ISOLATED? WHAT IS (HIS) PROPOSAL?"

D) "I DO NOT KNOW WHAT MUST BE DONE TO ELIMINATE THE
RPP CHAIRMAN'S DOUBTS ON THE SUBJECT OF THE COMMON DEFENSE
INSTALLATIONS. ... WE SHALL REPEAT: THE ACTIVITIES OF ALL THE
COMMON DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS IN TURKEY UNDER THE JURISDICTION
OF THE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN STOPPED AND THESE
INSTALLATIONS HAVE BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE FULL CONTROL
AND SUPERVISION OF THE TURKISH ARMED FORCES. IF THE RPP
CHAIRMAN KNOWS ANYTHING CONTRARY TO OUR STATEMENTS, HE
SHOULD SAY IT INSTEAD OF CREATING DOUBTS."

E) "THE CLAIMS THAT TURKEY'S DEFENSE HAS BEEN
PLACED IN SUSPENSE AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS INERT, HELPLESS,
AND INDECISIVE ARE UNFORTUNATE AND IRRESPONSIBLE STATEMENTS."
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